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Office Action Summary

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HEIN, HOLGER

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 8-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/29/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Cheng.

Cheng discloses a computer 3(s) with a cooling air guide composed of a connecting part consisting of the unnumbered hood attached to the top of fan 42 attached to the computer through which cooling air enters and a hood or cover 41 placed over component (CPU) 50 which conducts the cooling air from the connecting part to component 50. Hood 41 is fastened in a laterally moveable manner (fastened movably) to the connecting part by air-in tube 43 which is flexible as shown in fig. 3 and 4. Tube 43 is a common bellows type flexible pipe that allows for lateral movement. Hood 41 would have a U-shaped cross section as would be seen in fig. 4 when a cross sectional view is taken through hood 41 in fig. 4. Hood 41 is matched in width with the size of component 50. Hood 41 is closed on at least an end side.

Regarding claim 9, hood 41 has a connection or outlet 411 for receiving an cooling air hose 44, col. 2, lines 55-60.

Regarding claim 10, the connecting part is connected to fan 42.

2. Claims 4-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The cited art does not teach nor suggest film hinges fastening the hood to the connecting part, hinges are parallel, tabs on the connecting part preventing air from exiting the side of the air duct of the connecting part as claimed in claims 4-7.

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Nelson et al discloses a cooling duct.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thompson Gregory whose telephone number is (571)272-2045. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:00am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Feild, can be reached on (571) 727-2800, ext. 35. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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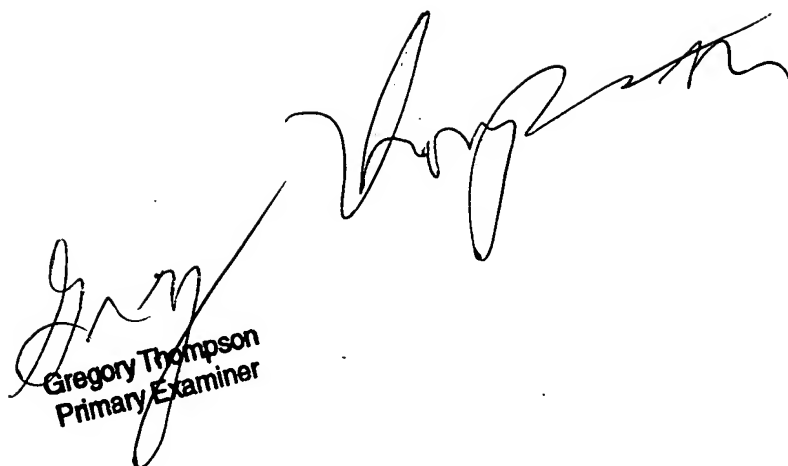
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